Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

2005 National Patient Safety Goal - Fall Reduction for applicable settings

**Hospitals**

**Goal:** Reduce the risk of patient harm resulting from falls.

- Assess and periodically reassess each patient's risk for falling, including the potential risk associated with the patient's medication regimen, and take action to address any identified risks.

**Assisted Living**

**Goal:** Reduce the risk of resident harm resulting from falls.

- Assess and periodically reassess each resident's risk for falling, including the potential risk associated with the resident's medication regimen, and take action to address any identified risks.

**Critical Access Hospital**

**Goal:** Reduce the risk of patient harm resulting from falls.

- Assess and periodically reassess each patient's risk for falling, including the potential risk associated with the patient's medication regimen, and take action to address any identified risks.

**Long Term Care**

**Goal:** Reduce the risk of resident harm resulting from falls.

- Assess and periodically reassess each resident's risk for falling, including the potential risk associated with the resident's medication regimen, and take action to address any identified risks.
- Implement a fall reduction program, including a transfer protocol, and evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

**Home Care**

**Goal:** Reduce the risk of patient harm resulting from falls.

- Assess and periodically reassess each patient's risk for falling, including the potential risk associated with the patient's medication regimen, and take action to address any identified risks.